

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Withdrawn) Use of a combination of nicotinic acid or nicotinamide with riboflavin for the manufacture of a medicament not comprising as the active ingredients any other antiinflammatory agent or any other vitamin agent besides said nicotinic acid or nicotinamide and said riboflavin, said medicament being suitable for systemic administration, for the treatment and/or the prophylaxis of pruritus and non-infective, non-neoplastic, non-rheumatic disorders involving itching and/or inflammation.

Claim 2. (Withdrawn) Use according to claim 1, Wherein said medicament is for the treatment and/or the prophylaxis of pruritus associated with renal insufficiency or failure (i.e. uremic pruritus), and of pruritus forms that are not connected with primary organic affections.

Claim 3. (Withdrawn) Use according to claim 2, wherein said pruritus forms that are not connected with primary organic affections are chosen from the group consisting of itching of aged skin (i.e. senile pruritus), vulvar pruritus, scrotal pruritus and anal pruritus.

Claim 4. (Withdrawn) Use according to claim 1, wherein said medicament is for the treatment and/or the prophylaxis of a disorder chosen from the group consisting of urticaria and/or angioedema, asthma, allergic rhinitis and allergic oculorhinitis.

Claims 5-7 (Canceled)

Claim 8 (Currently amended) A method for the treatment and/or the prophylaxis of pruritis ~~and non-infective, non-neoplastic, non-rheumatic disorders involving itching and/or inflammation in~~

a subject in need of the same, which method comprises systematically administering to the said subject an effective amount of nicotinic acid or nicotinamide and an effective amount of riboflavin, and excludes administering any other vitamin agent and any other anti-inflammatory agent besides said nicotinic acid or nicotinamide and said riboflavin.

Claim 9. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 8, wherein said medicament is for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of pruritis associated with renal insufficiency or failure (~~i.e., uremic pruritis~~), and of pruritus forms that are not connected with primary organic affections.

Claim 10. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein said pruritus forms that are not connected with primary organic affections are chosen from the group consisting of itching of aged skin (~~i.e., senile pruritus~~), vulvar pruritus, scrotal pruritus and anal pruritus.

Claim 11. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 8, wherein said medicament is for the treatment and/or the prophylaxis of a disorder chosen from the group consisting of urticaria and/or angioedema, asthma, allergic rhinitis and allergic oculorhinitis.

Claims 12-15 (Canceled)

Claim 16. (Withdrawn) A composition for systemic administration for the treatment and/or the prophylaxis of pruritus and non-infective, non-neoplastic, non-rheumatic disorders involving itching and/or inflammation, containing, as the active ingredients, a combination of nicotinic acid or nicotinamide with riboflavin and free from any other vitamin agent and any other

antiinflammatory agent besides said nicotinic acid or nicotinamide and said riboflavin.

Claim 17. (Withdrawn) The composition according to claim 16, for the treatment and/or the prophylaxis of pruritus associated with renal insufficiency or failure (i.e. uremic pruritus), and of pruritus forms that are not connected with primary organic affections.

Claim 18. (Withdrawn) The composition according to claim 17, wherein said pruritus forms that are not connected with primary organic affections are chosen from the group consisting of itching of aged skin (i.e. senile pruritus), vulvar pruritus, scrotal pruritus and anal pruritus.

Claim 19. (Withdrawn) The composition according to claim 16, for the treatment and/or the prophylaxis of a disorder chosen from the group consisting of urticaria and/or angioedema, asthma, allergic rhinitis and allergic oculorhinitis.

Claims 20-21 (Canceled)

Claim 22.. (Withdrawn) Use according to claim 1, wherein said combination consists of nicotinic acid or nicotinamide and riboflavin in a ratio by weight of from 40:1 to 10:1 (nicotinic acid or niacinamide : riboflavin), optionally in a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle or carrier suitable for systemic administration.

Claim 23. (Withdrawn) Use according to claim 22, wherein said combination consists of nicotinamide and riboflavin in a ratio by weight of 20:1.

Claim 24. (Withdrawn) Use according to claim 1 for the manufacture of a medicament for oral or parenteral administration.

Claim 25. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 8, comprising systemically administering to the said subject an effective amount of a combination of nicotinic acid or nicotinamide and riboflavin, optionally in a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle or carrier suitable for systemic administration.

Claim 26. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 25 wherein said combination consists of nicotinic acid or nicotinamide and riboflavin in a ratio by weight of from 40:1 to 10:1 (nicotinic acid or niacinamide : riboflavin).

Claim 27. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein said combination consists of nicotinamide and riboflavin in a ratio by weight of 20:1.

Claim 28. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 8, wherein said systemic administration is by the oral route or by the parenteral route.

Claim 29. (Withdrawn) The composition according to claim 16, wherein said combination consists of nicotinic acid or nicotinamide and riboflavin in a ratio by weight of from 40:1 to 10:1 (nicotinic acid or niacinamide : riboflavin), in a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle or carrier suitable for systemic administration.

Claim 30. (Withdrawn) The composition according to claim 29, for oral administration or for parenteral administration.

Claim 31. (New) A method for the treatment and/or the prophylaxis of pruritis, and of itching and inflammation not symptomatic of neoplastic, infectious or rheumatic disorders, in a subject